

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) An adjustable pliers comprising;

first and second elongated members, each elongated member comprising a handle, a jaw, and an intermediate portion between the handle and the jaw;

the intermediate portion of the first elongated member including an elongated slot and the intermediate portion of a second elongated member including a pivot pin that is slidably captured in the elongated slot, the first elongated member being pivotable about the pivot pin to permit the jaws to be selectively opened or closed about a work piece and being slidable along the elongated slot to adjust the spacing between the jaws; and

a spring captured in the elongated slot and engaging the pivot pin so as to bias the jaw of the second elongated member toward the jaw of the first elongated member.

2. (Previously Presented) The adjustable pliers of claim 1 wherein the second elongated member includes a stop pin in its intermediate portion that is adapted to abut the intermediate portion of the first elongated member in order to limit the degree to which the second elongated member can pivot about the pivot pin.

3. (Previously Presented) The adjustable pliers of claim 2 wherein the intermediate portion of the first elongated member includes a series of notches external to the elongated slot, so that the stop pin of the second elongated member nests in a notch when it abuts the intermediate portion of the first elongated member.

4. (Original) The adjustable pliers of claim 1 further comprising a spring retainer located in the elongated slot of the first elongated member.

5. (Original) The adjustable pliers of claim 4 wherein the spring comprises a coil spring and the spring retainer comprises a post over which the coil spring nests.

6. (Original) The adjustable pliers in claim 1 wherein the first and second elongated members each comprises a plurality of plates that are secured together.

7. (Original) The adjustable pliers in claim 6 wherein the plates are secured together by rivets.

8. (Currently Amended) An adjustable pliers comprising;

first and second elongated members, each elongated member comprising a handle, a jaw, and an intermediate portion between the handle and the jaw;

the intermediate portion of the first elongated member including an elongated slot and the intermediate portion of a second elongated member including a pivot pin that is slidably captured in the elongated slot, the ~~second~~ first elongated member being pivotable about the pivot pin to permit the jaws to be selectively opened or closed about a work piece and being slidable along the elongated slot to adjust the spacing between the jaws; and

a spring captured in the elongated slot and engaging the pivot pin so as to bias the jaw of the second elongated member toward the jaw of the first elongated member;

the ~~second~~ first elongated member including a stop pin in its intermediate portion that is adapted to abut the intermediate portion of the ~~second~~ first elongated member in order to limit the degree to which the pivot pin can slide in the elongated slot when the jaws are closed about the work piece; and

the intermediate portion of the first elongated member including a series of notches external to the elongated slot so that the stop pin of the second elongated member nests in a notch when it abuts the intermediate portion of the first elongated member.